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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair Shop "Progress" in Zeesen

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REMARKS

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1. In April 1955, vehicles which were overhauled at the branch of the motor vehicle repair shop "Progress" in Zeesen included 64 Studebaker, 40 ZIS, 40 tank trucks, 20 jeeps and 15 small buses (Pionier). According to a conservative estimate, about 2,000 vehicles in need of repair were still parked in the fenced-in area. 25X1
2. On 12 April, the general, who had previously been observed, again inspected the installation. The general was accompanied by a lieutenant general and about 20 officers of various ranks.
3. On 12 April, a commission including a general and 14 officers again visited the "Progress" repair shop in Zeesen. The general who allegedly came from Karlshorst was about 45 years old, about 6.2 feet tall and very broad shouldered. He wore a Cossack fur cap and a sabre. Most of the other officers had field grade rank. The inspection continued throughout the day and included the not built-up and staked off area near the installation and all sections of the repair shop which were to be rebuilt. A date of the beginning of an enlargement of the installation was not known. All Soviet young men who worked as students at the repair shop had donned uniform during the visit by the general. They wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The young men who became rather open-minded were employed in all branches of the repair shop. Some of the students spoke German.

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